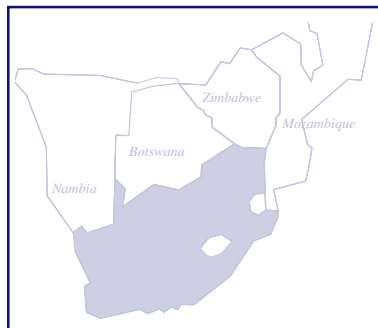


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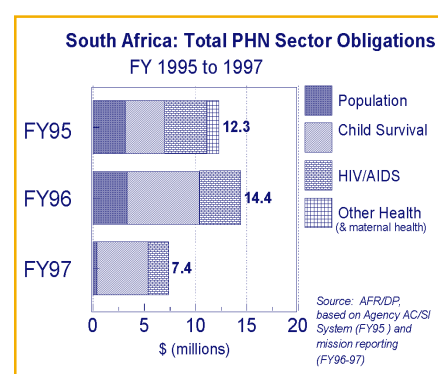
Health Development Activities in

South Africa



Population:	40.6 million (1996 Census)
Infant mortality rate:	48 deaths per 1,000 births (UN est. for 1997)
Adequate nutritional status:	not available
Total fertility rate:	3.8 children per woman (UN est. for 1997)
Contraceptive prevalence rate:	60% (all women/modern methods, 1994)
Demographic and Health Survey:	1998 (planned)

The South Africa mission has launched a 10-year program (1996–2005) to support the development objectives of the Republic of South Africa and USAID as well as the U.S.-South Africa Binational Commission. The mission submitted a revised country strategic plan in March 1997 specifying a goal of support for sustainable transformation and a subgoal of political, social, and economic empowerment. The program of assistance is assessed on an annual basis in a joint, bilateral exercise with the government of South Africa. Agencywide funding trends for health development activities in South Africa in 1995–97 are summarized in the figure to the right. The mission's results framework includes one strategic objective (SO) and five intermediate results (IRs) in health development. Activities under this objective are complemented by efforts under other SOs to strengthen local government (SO1) and to improve municipal service delivery (SO6).



Strategic Objective 3: More equitable, unified, and sustainable systems delivering integrated primary health care (PHC) services to all South Africans.

- IR 3.1: Increase access to integrated package of PHC services.
- IR 3.2: Effective health care referral systems are operational first in the pilot province (Eastern Cape) and then nationally.
- IR 3.3: Improve management of integrated PHC [including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and sexually transmitted infection (STI)] delivery systems at the provincial level.
- IR 3.4: PHC training program is strengthened and institutionalized at the provincial level initially in the pilot province (Eastern Cape).
- IR 3.5: Increase capacity of the PHC system to deliver appropriate HIV, STI, and tuberculosis (TB) prevention and treatment.

Activities in Health Development

The EQUITY Project. This seven-year bilateral program, nearing its first full year of implementation, is the centerpiece of the mission's program for integrated primary health care. The initial activities focus on strengthening management, financial, and service delivery systems for primary health care in the Eastern Cape Province. Successful activities will serve as lessons, pilots, and models for replication on a nationwide basis. After one full year of implementation, a number of results are already evident:

- A unified drug logistics system has been fully implemented and is being scaled up to the national level.
- The health information system, developed under Equity, is being implemented in the Eastern Cape Province and will be scaled up nationally.
- Implementation of the health care referral system has started in the Eastern Cape.
- The DOTS methodology for tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment is being implemented for the first time in ten locations in the Eastern Cape.
- Condoms are widely and freely available in health clinics throughout the Eastern Cape Province, without the need for consultation with health personnel.

- Public/private partnerships involving the administration and management of small hospitals has been successfully initiated in the Eastern Cape.

The HIV/AIDS Project. This new, five-year program follows mission support in the area of HIV/AIDS since 1991, and is in response to the government of South Africa's recently launched "Partnerships Against AIDS" campaign. The main areas of support will include awareness raising and capacity strengthening, support for the establishment of a national STI reference center, and collaboration with ongoing South African initiatives for vaccine development. These activities will be carried out in close collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control, the US National Institutes of Health, and USAID/Global Bureau Cooperating Agencies.

To date, mission initiatives in HIV/AIDS have focused on training, community outreach, and institutional capacity building. These have been carried out with the assistance of CDC and Global Bureau Cooperating Agencies. Key results with USAID funding include:

- The National AIDS Convention prepared a national AIDS strategy plan, which has been the backbone of the country's response to the epidemic.
- Work by a local NGO led to the development of a legal charter to prevent discrimination against people living with AIDS.
- A pilot program in a mining community to address STIs has led to the mining company picking up costs of the service delivery, with replications likely in other mining communities.
- The major labor unions have drafted a consensus position document on workplace policies and guidelines on AIDS.

The Amy Biehl Foundation. This foundation is a community-based NGO that focuses on integrated health and community development in key townships surrounding Cape Town. Established shortly after the killing of Amy Biehl in 1993, the Foundation's activities include youth-centered reproductive health and HIV/AIDS education, community development, outreach, and training. Virtually all of the Foundation's programs are carried out in close collaboration with the public sector and with specialized local NGOs.

The Binational Commission (BNC). The Gore-Mbeki Binational Commission establishes a framework for the collaborative relationship between the US and South Africa in all matters, including development assistance. USAID forms part of the health working group of the BNC and, as such, looks for collaborative opportunities that are consistent with USAID and USG priorities. USAID partners closely with the US Centers for Disease Control and the US National Institutes for Health in identifying and implementing joint programs. USAID has also been in discussions with the Medical University of South Africa (MEDUNSA), School of Public Health, in identifying further areas of collaboration.

USAID/Global Bureau and USAID/South Africa - Joint Programming Activities

Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), working with the government of South Africa, will help implement the 1998 South Africa DHS and to disseminate the survey's findings. While developing baseline data for health sector planning and monitoring, the DHS will also increase local capacity to replicate these efforts in the future with little or no USAID assistance.

Environmental Health Project

POLICY Project has been assisting with AIDS awareness raising activities, and with technical projections. Staff from the Policy Project have facilitated capacity building workshops and seminars with provincial and community-based organizations to strengthen their capacity to raise awareness amongst their target populations. The Project has also assisted in analyzing, estimating, and projecting the pattern of the epidemic into the future. This last activity is an excellent example of donor coordination, as the European Union, DfID, and USAID all participate and share the costs of the technical meetings.

Other Collaborative Efforts. A number of Global Bureau Cooperating Agencies are working in the area of linkages between reproductive health and HIV/AIDS, including FHI, AVSC, and Pathfinder; the QAP project is coordinating with the Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa to experiment accreditation processes for clinic and other lower level facilities; ILSI and OMNI are working closely with the National Department of Health in implementing the Department's Micronutrient Fortification Strategy.

USAID/Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of Private & Voluntary Cooperation Child Survival Grantees as of 1998

Medical Care Development, Inc. is focusing on the prevention and control of common childhood illnesses, maternal and newborn care, and improved immunization coverage in KwaZulu/ Natal Province.

World Vision Relief and Development, Inc. has a four-year project (through August 1999) focusing on nutrition, HIV/AIDS, childhood diseases, immunization, family planning, and maternal and newborn care in KwaZulu/Natal Province.



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